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---IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE---

In re Application: Tour et al.  
Serial No.: TO BE ASSIGNED  
Int'l. Serial No.: PCT/US2004/035894  
Filing Date: March 29, 2006  
Int'l. Filing Date: October 28, 2004  
For: THERMAL TREATMENT OF FUNCTIONALIZED CARBON NANOTUBES IN  
SOLUTION TO EFFECT THEIR FUNCTIONALIZATION

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on Page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on Page 5 of this paper.